

20 October 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PLANS AND PROGRAMS

ATTENTION: Mr.

SUBJECT: Program of Psychological Preparation for Stalin's  
Passing from Power

1. We agree with the basic objective of this paper--that a program of psychological preparation for Stalin's passing from power should be initiated. We feel the planning for this program should be undertaken on an inter-agency level.

2. However, since this paper is oriented around conflicts in the Politburo, which no longer exists, we think this study should be revised to apply to the newly created Praesidium, of which very little is known at this time.

3. It also is suggested that this program should not be limited merely to exploiting potential or existing conflicts in the Praesidium but should be expanded to include conflicts between other power groups in the Soviet Union and the Soviet orbit.

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